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EDITOR'S NOTES.

THE somewhat belated appearance of the present No. is due to the editor's absence in Central America, being engaged the entire winter in making mycological explorations in Guatemala.

THE advantages of annual meetings of scientific workers are recognized by all—the chief being perhaps the inspiration of contact. Whether the reading of technical papers is worth the time consumed is doubted by many. Could not the time be still more limited for such, and the gist of the matter be told orally?

THE fusion of three botanical societies or organizations, as accomplished at the last meeting of the A. A. A. S., is another step in the right direction. An audience of some size is assured—and surely this is an advantage, especially if discussion is secured of the radical propositions, new ideas, and progressive work. The annual fee should be low—real students and devoted investigators are seldom money makers. They of all persons should not be debarred membership. Something can be said in favor of the custom of such societies making grants for research work, but much more against it. It is a tax on many workers who can ill afford to make such contributions to others—they themselves are in dire need of funds for experiment and research. Let the pleasure of giving still remain with those intelligent and liberal-minded men whose devotion and sagacity have enabled them to accumulate much of this world's goods.
